

Sl.No	State/UT	Total No. LRPUs	V.O. Sector LRPU
25.	West Bengal	1	1
26.	A & N Island	0	0
27.	Chandigarh	0	0
28.	D & N Haveli	0	0
29.	Daman & Diu	0	0
30.	Delhi	0	0
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0
32.	Pondicherry	2	1
		25	16

#### Production of Firewood

1840. SHRISRIBALLAVPANIGARAH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether country is likely to face a firewood crisis by 2000 A.L. due to decrease in production of firewood;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) At the current rate of population increase, there is likely to be a large gap between production and demand of firewood by 2000 A.L.

(b) The Government of India have taken following steps:

- (1) A massive afforestation programme is under op-

eration under the 20 Point Programme, and afforestation over 8.8, million hectares has been carried out.

- (2) Fuelwood saving devices such as fuel efficient chul-lahs, Vanjyoti and improved crematoria are being encouraged by providing subsidies/financial incentives.

- (3) Financial incentives/subsidies are also being provided to encourage and popularise the use of bio-gas, solar cooker, electric crematoria, etc.

#### Recovery of Railway Dues from SEBs

1841. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: